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Letter dated 16 January 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to draw your attention to the statement on the agreement between the President of Somalia and the Speaker of the Somali Parliament, issued on 11 January 2006 by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union (see annex).

I would be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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The European Union warmly welcomes the Statement issued jointly in on 5 January 2006 by President Abdullahi Yusuf Ahmed of the Somali Republi the Speaker of the Transitional Federal Parliament of Somalia, Sharif Hassan Sh Aden, and commends President Ali Abdalla Salah of the Republic of Yemen fo facilitation of their discussions.

The European Union is greatly encouraged to note that the parties were gu by the Transitional Federal Charter as well as by their undertaking to conve session of Parliament within 30 days. The European Union reiterates its unwav and unequivocal support for the Transitional Federal Institutions as the legitimate framework for fostering political dialogue, stability and governan Somalia.

The European Union calls on all members of the Transitional Fe Parliament and Government to respond actively and positively to this in initiative of the President and the Speaker and reaffirms its willingness to pro logistical and financial support, as necessary and appropriate, to facilitate the of Parliament inside Somalia.

The acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania, the candidate cou Croatia,* the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia* and Turkey, the countri the stabilization and association process and potential candidates Albania, B and Herzegovina, Serbia and Montenegro, and the European Free Trade Associ countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Econ Area, as well as Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova align themselves with statement.

* Croatia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia continue to be part of the stabilizati and association process.